CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council Chamber, Oct. 27th, 1873.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the Council chamber, His Worship the Mayor presiding, and present:—Aldermen McDonald, Leonard, Brown, Rapley, Beattie, Shaw, Egan, Christie, McPhail, Moffat, Williams, Smyth, Partridge, sen., Cronyn, Starr and Graydon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED

From Mr. Thomas Muir, applying for the use of the City Hall this evening for a concert under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and also on Sunday evening next for the purpose of holding a union public prayer meeting. Granted on payment of current expenses.

From the Trustees of the Dundas Street Wesleyan Church, asking that a plank sidewalk and Nicholson pavements be laid down as approaches to the church. Laid over until routine business disposed of.

From the Churchwardens of the Memorial Church, asking for similar privileges. Laid over until routine business disposed of.

From Mr. Anthony Keenleyside, complaining of not receiving the usual assessment schedule, and asking the Board to reduce his taxes in consequence. Referred to Finance Committee.

From L. McAlpine, M. D., and a large number of ratepayers on Market street, requesting that the name of said street be changed to Victoria street. Laid over.

From Nathaniel Williams, asking to be appointed chimney sweep for the southern portion of the city.

Ald. Moffat moved, seconded by Ald. Smyth, that Alderman Starr, Rapley and Cousins, be a Committee to consider the matter of appointing a chimney sweep for the southern portion of the city. Carried.

At this stage, the following communication was read :—

London, Ont., Nov. 3, 1873.

To the Mayor and Corporation of the City of London:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to inform you that a company has been formed for the manufacturing of sewing machines in or near London, and that I am instructed by the Provisional Directors, whose names I append, to ascertain whether, in the event of a site within the city being selected for the manufactory, your honorable body would be inclined to relieve the company from the payment of taxes for any period, and if so, for how long.

The company will commence operations with a paid up-capital of $30,000.

Your obedient servant,
CHARLES HUTCHINSON,
Temporary Secretary.

Ald. Cronyn moved that the communication be considered in the regular order of business.

Ald. Williams said he understood that the company intended to start business in a week, and for that reason he would move that the working material and buildings of this company be exempted from taxation for the term of five years.

Ald. Starr seconded the motion in an able address.

Ald. Williams' motion was ruled out of order.

Ald. Cronyn's motion to take the matter up in the order of routine business, was carried.

A communication from Mr. W. Farris and others, asking the privilege to construct a crossing on Dundas street at their own expense, was granted.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Christie, chairman, submitted the following report from this committee :—

Your Committee having taken into consideration the notice of motion of Ald. McPhail's, for a sum not to exceed $400, to construct a sidewalk on Wellington street, recommend no action.